

*Winner's work will be displayed in the United States Capitol*

Huntington, NY – On Saturday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) held his annual Congressional Arts Competition Awards Ceremony, honoring the high school artists who competed in this year's event. One winner will have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year.

"The Congressional Arts Competition is a terrific way to showcase some of Long Island's young artistic talent. I commend all our participants for their hard work, and I look forward to seeing the winning piece hanging in the U.S. Capitol's hallway," said Rep. Israel.

All 28 participants had their art on display for friends, family and visitors at the Heckscher Museum of Art on Saturday. Students were presented with certificates celebrating their entry. One winner is selected in each Congressional District nationally.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, more than 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nation-wide competition.

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